

Re: Problem with password local security policy

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On third thought disabling access to control.exe would be a viable solution to prevent use of control userpasswords. I am having a rough start to the day. I usually test out such recommendations and what I mistakenly did was add control.exe to the list of "run only allowed Windows applications" and I was wondering why nothing seemed to work! Well I remedied that and all is well now since I added it to the "don't run specified Windows applications" list and undefined the run only allowed Windows applications list. Sorry for the confusion. --- Steve

"Steven L Umbach" <n9rou@nospam-comcast.net> wrote in message news:%23jG\$3kG7FHA.736@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...

> *On second thought scratch that idea as it probably will interfere with other functionality on the computer. You could however use something like filemon which is free from SysInternals to try and track down an executable/file that can be modified or removed from the computer that will prevent the user from using that. --- Steve*

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> "Steven L Umbach" <n9rou@n0-spam-for-me-comcast.net> wrote in message > news:wYWdnav2Ao03jOPeRVn-hg@comcast.com...

>> *In such case you could change the ntfs permissions on control.exe or add it to the blacklisted applications in Group Policy under user configuration/administrative templates/system - don't run specified Windows applications. --- Steve*

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>> "kasommer" <kasommer@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message >> news:31CF17E1-4746-4A7C-BA0B-83CA4E7D9CB9@microsoft.com...

>>> *Same thing described in this thread that I started..*

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>>> <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/expertzone/newsgroups/reader.mspx?dg=microsoft.public.win2000.security&tid=31CF17E1-4746-4A7C-BA0B-83CA4E7D9CB9>

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>>> *I'm guessing the only answer is to not allow access to that control panel*

>>> *applet. Even then it can still be invoked by "control userpasswords"*

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>>> "GSelser" wrote:

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>>>> *At my company we have several systems that are stand alone windows 2000*

>>>> *pro*

>>>> *workstations. We have the local security policy set so that you have to*

>>>> *put a*

>>>> *password in that is 9 characters long. If you go to local user and*

>>>> *groups and*

>>>> *create a new user, it will not finish or complete if you do not assign*

>>>> *a*

>>>> *password that is a least 9 characters long.*

>>>> *We found today that if you open the user and password applet in the*

>>>> *control*

>>>> *panel and click add under the user tab and go through the new user*

>>>> *wizard, it*

>>>> *will allow you to assign a blank password. This can only be done if the*

>>>> *account is created by a administrator.*

>>>> *What I need to know is why does it allow it when you use the applet and*

>>>> *not*

>>>> *when you use the local user and groups interface and is there a way to*

>>>> *disable or set it so that you cannot easliy create a new user with no*

>>>> *password.*

>>>> *These systems are for use in a closed environment and the company does*

>>>> *not*

>>>> *like that you can so easily create a blank password account.*

>>>> *Any suggestions will be appreciated.*

>>>> *Thanks*

>>>> *Glenn*

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